

in all nations, by a yea-and-nay vote of 354 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 520.

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**Adjournment Resolution:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 263, providing for the conditional adjournment of the House and conditional adjournment or recess of the Senate.

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**Providing for Community Disaster Loans:** The House passed S. 1858, to provide for community disaster loans.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Ginny Brown-Waite of Florida wherein she resigned from the Committee on Government Reform and all subcommittees under its jurisdiction as of September 30, 2005.

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representatives Tom Davis of Virginia and Bartlett of Maryland to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through October 17, 2005.

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Schmidt to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions on this day.

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**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8749, H8778, H8798–99, and H8806.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8749, H8749–50, H8787–88, H8791, H8791–92, and H8793. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 4:31 p.m. on Friday, October 7, and pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 263, stands adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **STRENGTHENING THE OWNERSHIP OF PRIVATE PROPERTY ACT OF 2005**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3405, Strengthening the Ownership of Private Property Act of 2005.

### **DOE'S EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE SURPLUS PLUTONIUM INVENTORIES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review GAO's findings and recommendations regarding the Department of Energy's efforts to consolidate Surplus Plutonium Inventories. Testimony was heard from Gene Aloise, Director, Natural Resources and the Environment, GAO; Charles E. Anderson, Prin-

cipal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management, Department of Energy; and A. J. Eggenberger, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board.

## **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Approved a committee resolution creating the Subcommittee on Investigations.

## **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on International Relations:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 972, Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005.

The Committee also favorably considered and adopted a motion urging the chairman to request that the following measures be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H. Con. Res. 252, amended, Expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of the United States should actively support the aspirations of the democratic political and social forces in the Republic of Nicaragua toward an immediate and full restoration of functioning democracy in that country; H. Res. 192, amended, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives encouraging the active engagement of Americans in world affairs and urging the Secretary of State to take the lead and coordinate with other governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations in creating an online database of international exchange programs and related opportunities; H. Res. 368, Congratulating the State of Israel on the election of Ambassador Dan Gillerman as Vice-President of the 60th United Nations General Assembly; and H. Res. 472, amended, Recognizing the commencement of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting and spiritual renewal, and commending Muslims in the United States and throughout the world for their faith.

## **OVERSIGHT—FEDERAL ROLE AFTER CATASTROPHIC EVENTS AFFECTING FOREST LANDS**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing entitled “Restoration after Recent Hurricanes and other Natural Disasters: Federal Role in Recovery after Catastrophic Events Affecting Forest Lands.” Testimony was heard from Lynn Scarlet, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management, and Budget, Department of the Interior; Dale Bosworth, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; Everard Baker, Acting Forester, State of Mississippi; Max Peterson, former Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

**NOAA HURRICANE FORECASTING**

*Committee on Science:* Held a hearing on NOAA Hurricane Forecasting. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NOAA, Department of Commerce: David L. Johnson, Director, National Weather Service; and Max Mayfield, Director, Hurricane Center.

**SMALL BUSINESS AND HURRICANE KATRINA: REBUILDING THE ECONOMY**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled "Small Businesses and Hurricane Katrina: Rebuilding the Economy." Testimony was heard from Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

**GAINSHARING—ALIGNMENT OF PHYSICIAN AND HOSPITAL INTERESTS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on Gainsharing. Testimony

was heard from Lewis Morris, Chief Counsel to the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

***Joint Meetings*****EMPLOYMENT**

*Joint Economic Committee:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for September 2005, after receiving testimony from Philip Rones, Deputy Commissioner, John Galvin, Associate Commissioner for Employment and Unemployment Statistics, and John Greenlees, Associate Commissioner for Prices and Living Conditions, all of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.